

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Replacement formal drawings of Figures 15-17 are submitted concurrently herewith under a separate cover letter.

REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 1-6 have been amended. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.

At the top of page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner required that Figs. 15-17 be labeled as "Prior Art". Accordingly, replacement formal drawing sheets are submitted herewith for Figs. 15-17, so as to label each of Figs. 15-17 as "Prior Art".

Next, also on page 2 of the Office Action, the disclosure was objected to for referring to specific claim numbers in the body of the specification. These references to specific claim numbers have been removed by the above-mentioned revisions to the specification. The language of the specification and claims has also been thoroughly reviewed and revised to improve the English grammar and U.S. form thereof.


Specifically with regard to the claims, non-substantive amendments have been made to improve the form of the claim language. For example, in claim 1, "said pockets being cylindrical" has been changed to --said pockets having cylindrical inner surfaces--, in order to provide exact antecedent basis for the later recitation of "the cylindrical inner surface of each said pocket." Similar amendments have been made in claims 3, 5, and 6. Also, in the second-to-last line of each of claims 3 and 6, "said each lubricant supporting surface" has been changed to --each said lubricant retaining surface--, since the surface was earlier referenced in each of claims 3 and 6 as "a lubricant retaining surface."

In view of the Examiner's kind indication in item 5 of the Office Action Summary sheet and in the first line of page 2 of the Office Action that the claims are allowable, and in view of the above non-substantive revisions, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now clearly in condition for allowance, and an early notice thereof is earnestly solicited.

If, after reviewing this Amendment, the Examiner feels there are any issues remaining which must be resolved before the application can be passed to issue, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned by telephone in order to resolve such issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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